



SURBITON CROQUET CLUB
36th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ZOOM MEETING - HELD 21st MARCH 2021

Due to Covid restrictions a Zoom meeting was held. 54 people attended. (Full attendee list held by AG)

1. Andy Dibben began by thanking Elaine Fairless for setting up the Zoom meeting. Maxine Holland explained how the Zoom meeting would be managed. Apologies were received from Ian Bond and Julian Sheraton-Davis.
2. Approval of Minutes of AGM of 29th March 2020 were approved.
3. Matters arising: Nil.
4. Chairman's Report: (Previously circulated). Andy expressed thanks to all volunteers and supporters of the Club over what had been a difficult 12 months. It had been possible to play for just half of the year and finances have suffered accordingly partly as a result of reduced subscription fees and also reduction in profits from Catering and Tournaments. A £10,000 COVID grant had been received from Kingston Council. Special thanks were passed to Kevin Carter for organisation of Tournaments. 60 responses have been received from the Membership survey. Committee will look into this in due course.
5. Accounts: previously circulated. Mike Burrow apologised for the delay in issuing the accounts for 2020. Accounts reflected the effects of the Covid restrictions on income. Members were thanked for donations in addition to subscriptions. Costs were incurred for the lawn cuttings skip and increase in size of the car park partly covered by a grant from the CA.
Legacy from Mike Lambert's estate was noted.
In response to question from Adrian Coles about reserves, Andy pointed out that the Club reserves were healthy but that the Club Committee were looking at where expenses might be needed in future.
Stephen Parish and Elizabeth Kennedy raised questions of inconsistency in the accounts which were explained by Mike Burrow. One inconsistency was noticed and Mike Burrow will correct and re-issue.
Approval of the accounts was put on hold pending any further queries. Ian Bond will examine the accounts in due course and will go to membership for approval as soon as possible.
6. Election of Committee members: Thanks were expressed to Maureen for her work as Membership secretary which she is relinquishing and is being replaced by Sue Pendry. There were no notifications for new members of the Committee, but the Chairman reminded members not to hesitate to put themselves forward for membership of the Committee for subsequent years
Chairmanship of the Committee will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.
Bryn Hughes expressed thanks to the Committee for its work over the past year.

7. Election of Honorary Auditor: Dealt with later in meeting.
8. Election of President: Ian Bond is happy to remain as President and was duly re-elected without any dissention.
9. Subscriptions: A draft subscription grid had been distributed. Discussion took place regarding the proposed fees, single versus family membership. There was some discussion whether the membership should be closer to double the single membership or that all rates should be higher to be more in line with other types of sport. However, no-one felt that the fees were too high and the proposed fees schedule was adopted without any dissentions
Guest fees were also discussed and the motion to increase fees for visitors to £6 for half day and £10 full day was carried.
Committee will continue to look at appropriate rates.
10. Motions for Consideration:
 - 1: Election of George Noble as Honorary Vice President was passed unanimously.
 - 2: Amendment of constitution to replace wording of "Hon.Auditor" to "Hon. Reviewer" was passed unanimously. Ian Bond will be standing down and Harry Midgely has agreed to take on the role and this was unanimously agreed to.
11. AOB; Stephen Parish had proposed that Corner Spots be painted on the lawns but after discussion the motion was defeated (6 for, 12 against).
Bernard Pendry put forward proposal for a regular Self Improvement Exercise Plan on a Friday evening which received general support. This will be discussed further by the Committee.

Meeting closed at 12.50 hours.

Alan Grundy
Honorary Secretary
21st March 2021.